

August 9, 1945

Funeral Held Monday For Charles Mielke

Funeral rites were conducted for Charles Mielke, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Groton Methodist church. The Rev. L. C. Benson officiated. A mixed quartet, composed of Misses Myrtle and Margaret N. H. Berry and Maurice Olson sang two selections, "Rock of Ages" and "Still, Still With Thee." Barbara Zolman was pianist. Ufford pallbearers were Wm. Paetz, Groton, A. Mueller, Jack Johnson, Groton, Fred Frommel and Roy Groton. Interment was in the Groton cemetery.

Charles Mielke was born at Randolph, September 11, 1873. He came to the Dakota Territory with his parents at the age of 8, when they pioneered in 1881, and settled near Groton. He grew to manhood at that place. On June 15, 1905, he married Amelia Klipstein at Groton. They made Groton their permanent home and engaged in farming. After his death Mr. Mielke continued to live at the time of his death. In 1913 he was Street Commissioner for the city of Groton and held that position for two years; also being on the board of directors and a member of the Groton Police Department.

He died Wednesday evening, August 8, at his home from self-inflicted wounds by a 38-caliber pistol. After a period of despondency, which followed the death of his widow, he leaves eight children. They are Roy, Harry, Harry, Louis Krueger, of Groton; C. C. Rasp, Andover; Mrs. K. Carlin, Nev.; Mrs. P. D. Moore, Calif.; and Clarence Moore, Navy. Thirteen grandchildren survive.

For thirty-two years Charles Mielke was a city official, he performed his duties with honesty and in a conscientious manner. His death is a loss to this community which will be felt for many years. His figure on Groton's history is a source of sympathy of the entire